

## IN FLORENCE, ITALY.

Mr. Campbell in the Ancient City of Art and Science.

## A VISIT TO THE CITY OF GENOA.

The Home of Columbus—Men Who Do Business for a Valuable Consideration—Historic Places of Interest as Viewed From the Top of the Great Cathedral—Worth a Trip to Florence—A City More than Two Thousand Years Old.

Special Correspondence of the Intelligencer.

FLORENCE, ITALY, April 27.—I left Rome for this city over two weeks ago, and since that time I have been to Genoa and Pisa, two ancient and historic cities of Italy, and now I am back here again. These two places were not in my original route of travel, important as they are, but I am not sorry that I made the trip. I went out of my way to meet a couple of friends who had come to Italy on the steamer "Werra" direct from New York to Genoa, by the new German Lloyd line to that city. We came back here together, stopping on our way at Pisa to see the famous leaning tower, an edifice of singular construction that has been 14 feet out of plumb for over 550 years, and that is, so to speak, a solecism in architecture. It was in this extraordinary tower that Galileo made some of his early experiments in science, for he was a native of Pisa and a professor in its famous university.

Of course Genoa is a city well worth seeing, not only because it was the birthplace of Columbus, but because it is otherwise famous. It was the Amsterdam of Italy in the middle ages, and is to-day its chief commercial seaport. I am glad to have had the opportunity of spending three or four days within its walls and while there of seeing, among other interesting objects, those ancient manuscripts of Columbus that figure so prominently and humorously in Mark Twain's "Innocents Abroad." Like the sacred relics at Rome they are kept under various locks and keys, each one the complement of the other, and the keeping of the keys is not entrusted to a common individual whose mind runs mainly on fees and gratuities, but to a high officer who examines well your credentials before he throws the bolt, and once satisfied on that point becomes thereafter entirely disinterested in his courtesies and explanations.

## COLUMBUS'S REAL NAME.

The great navigator who discovered America did not sign his letters and documents in a way that was in the slightest degree intelligible to me. His name in Italian is "Christoforo Colombo," but his writing was wholly in Spanish and his signature was simply this, "Xpo. Fevens," meaning, as we were told, "Christopher, follower of Christ." This looked a little cabalistic and affected for such a practical man as Columbus, but no doubt Ferdinand and Isabella and all others whom it might particularly concern, understood just why the great man chose to subscribe himself thus. There were people in those days who were firmly of the opinion that Columbus was mentally off his balance. We were shown a painting to this effect, portraying Columbus in the act of explaining his theory to a lot of church dignitaries, all of whom were laughing in their sleeves at his explanations and one of whom was significantly tapping his head to indicate that the great theorist was crazy. Just how narrow an escape we Americans had of never being discovered I presume we will never know. One thing is certain that Columbus was pretty well worn out with rebuffs and ridicule when he finally struck oil at the court of Spain. That was a lucky day for George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, General Grant and several other people. The cruel mockery of the whole business, however, is the fact that this man had his discovery finally stolen from him by Amerigo Vespucci and did not give his name to the new world. Like poor old Moses, he did not enter into the promised land.

The Genoese people seem to have arrived at their present appreciation of Columbus somewhat late in the day. The fine, heroically sized monument to his memory that now adorns their city was not erected, as I observed, until 1854, or nearly 400 years after he had performed the exploit that immortalized both him and them. Perhaps they always felt ashamed, as indeed they might well feel, that with all their maritime wealth and prestige in 1492 they compelled their illustrious fellow citizen to seek a favorable hearing abroad. It was the old story of a prophet being without honor among his own people. At this present time they are getting up a European Chicago Exposition in honor of the 400th anniversary of the great event with which their city is accidentally but nevertheless indissolubly connected, and really they seem to be making somewhat extensive preparations for a great layout of goods and wares and articles and monuments of art. It is understood that it will be an international affair and that the United States will take part in it.

## GENOISE ENTERPRISE.

Thus you see that Genoa still maintains her Amsterdam character and still has an eye wide open for trade. She is going to make all she can out of poor old Columbus while ostensibly doing honor to his memory. The historian says that her people always did have a marked genius for trade and I believe him, and for the following personal reason: I was on the hunt of Cook & Co.'s office (the well known tourist agency) to get some English funds converted, or, failing in that, to find a certain bank that I had the name of on a card. I stopped in the street, at a parting of the ways, to make an inquiry as to the particular "via" that I was to take, and just as I was receiving instructions by gestures and such few Italian words as I could understand, a gentleman came along, a very substantial looking citizen, dressed like a thorough business man, to whom my card was shown and who at once recognized it and proceeded to indicate that he was going that way and would point out the place to me. I thought to myself that he was either a banker or a shipping merchant (he had such a well to do ensemble) for he was smoking a good cigar, carried a silk umbrella and had his nice fitting trousers carefully rolled at the bottom, (as it was a little bit muddy) and thus gave me the impression of a cleanly and thrifty native who knew how to take care of his good clothes.

We had quite a walk through narrow streets—some of the narrowest you ever saw—and finally brought up on the second floor of a building in which the banking firm had their office. But the bankers had gone to luncheon and no one could be rung up for duty (this is a way they have over here), and so, not caring to wait on such leisurely and lux-

urious people, I went out on another quest round the next corner which, however, like the first one, resulted in no success. The unwearied effort of my new friend to fix me financially somewhere excited my admiration and gratitude, and feeling that I had already trespassed enough on his politeness I touched my hat to him and extended my hand to give him a cordial recognition of my sense of obligation to a stranger—a stranger who had not even been able to be sociable with him in a conversational way. I was struck at once with the very commercial character of his recognition. His shake had an unmistakable quarter dollar suggestiveness, and yet he was such a banker looking sort of a person—so wholesomely got up and so becomingly attired—that I felt he must be of social kinship to the custodian of the manuscripts, and so once more I signified the polite dissolution of our temporary co-partnership and my desire to grant him an honorable discharge from further duty. To my astonishment he seemed unwilling to dissolve; he "made as if he would go farther," (to use a Scriptural expression,) and I realized that I had found one of those friends that "stick closer than a brother," and that my ideal banker, or broker, or shipping merchant—be he one or be he all of these—was in the business of politeness for pay; so I paid him off and cancelled my sense of obligation: which is why I remark that the thrifty and somewhat mercenary Genoese of the middle ages still does business for a valuable consideration at the old stand of his ancestors.

## USED TO THE ANTIQUE.

It was on the 12th of October, 1492, that Columbus sighted land at San Salvador and discovered a new world. That seems to us in America a very long time ago. Over here it seems modern. Everything is relative in this world. Many years ago the sight of an old fort on Short Creek challenged my generation, while now I hardly go out of my way to see anything less than five hundred years old. I can go up, for instance, on the top of the great cathedral here—the "Duomo"—and see a whole city full of houses and monuments that out-date Columbus and America. I can take a seat up there on a bright day—300 feet above the pavement—and see the original home of the Medici family still standing—the famous Medici who became as bankers the Rothschilds of Italy in the 14th century, and from Rothschilds grew to be dukes and popes, and finally to be grasping and intolerable despots, who held on here off and on for over 300 years and during that time produced that monstrous woman known as Catherine de Medici, who married a French king and instigated the St. Bartholomew massacre. Their former magnificent home is now public property and is known as the palace Riccardi.

I can look straight down almost and see the spot where Dante—the Shakespeare of Italy—used to sit in his chair 550 years ago and watch the building of this cathedral. I can see the convent where Savonarola was a Dominican friar and where he began preaching the reform in politics and religion that cost him his life. [There is no character in Florentine history that is held in higher regard to-day than Savonarola.] I can also see the house where Galileo lived and labored; where Machiavelli [the author of a code of morals in politics that is called "Satanic"] died, and the homes in which Michael Angelo and Raphael sojourned; and, lastly, I can see the residence of that very Amerigo Vespucci ["who was native here and to the manner born"] referred to in the outset of this letter.

## ILLUSTRIOUS NAMES.

Florence is rich in illustrious names, such as the above; authors, poets, artists, statesmen, popes, cardinals, warriors and the like; individuals who were either born here or sojourned here; and the local guide books are full of traditions concerning them. I could fill out all my space with reminiscences of Galileo, Machiavelli and Savonarola alone, saying nothing of such characters as Dante, Petrarch, Boccaccio, Rossini, Michael Angelo, Raphael and many, many others.

I have spoken of what I could see from the top of the great cathedral here, and it was really worth while to stop at Florence for the sake of that view and one other one, the one from the heights of Fiesole, the original town of Florence. They are second only to the view from St. Peter's at Rome. I saw few things in Rome more truly interesting than the cathedral here and its adjoining Baptistery and Bell Tower, three different buildings, all over 500 years old, all covered with white and black mosaics of marble and looking as fresh as if they belonged to this century instead of the fourteenth.

Those buildings were old when St. Peter's was first thought of, long before Michael Angelo came here to study the dome as his model for the crown of the Roman basilica, and very old indeed when St. Paul's in London was consecrated. You must remember that Florence is a very old place, that they claim to have had a high degree of civilization here 2,500 years ago, that even in the middle ages they had learning and scholarship here, that the great revival of letters and art, known as the Renaissance (the rebirth) originated here, and that here philosophy, science and the classics held sway when ignorance and bigotry were dominant everywhere else. Florence was and is the Athens of Italy and her galleries and museums are the richest in Europe.

## His Personal Experience.

Hon. James W. Husted, while serving his sixth term as Speaker of the Assembly of the State of New York, writes:

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

## THE GOVERNORSHIP.

A Jefferson County Republican Names Mr. Atkinson for the Republican—His Eminent Qualifications.

Sir—Referring to the next campaign in this state, I am sure it will be recognized as a proper subject for reflection among our people as to the most available candidate upon whom West Virginia Republicans can concentrate their support for Governor, and in whom are embodied the varied qualities that combine to make the canvass one of such inspiration and enthusiasm that shall snatch victory from the hand of those by whom the just rewards were doled out and now enjoyed as the ill-gotten gains of a deliberate steal.

The presidential election will occur at the same time, and it is of unusual importance that the best sense of our people should be exercised in the selection of a representative Republican, who shall not only conduct acceptably and effectively, the interests of our state canvass, but so present and defend national issues as to remove the long existing doubt as to West Virginia's political status, and place the state on the Republican side of the presidential column.

It is no ordinary duty that confronts us. The obligations we owe to our party and those we sustain as citizens, with the feeling of just resentment against the shameful transaction by which the Republicans were so grossly defrauded of their rights in the last state election, emphasize the necessity of wise selection and determined action. The prospect is bright with promise. Success is ours, but only as the result of our best judgment and our best energies. The emergency, therefore, demands an aggressive candidate who has the intelligence and courage to place before the people, with no uncertain sound, the fallacy of Democratic doctrine, the unpatriotic, un-American theories of which Democracy is the proverbial exponent, and to expose the trickery and deception which have ever been the favored expedients with which this party has sought to delude public confidence.

Who stands better equipped for this position than George W. Atkinson? He is the ideal candidate, embodying as he does the essentials that challenge the love of his friends and the admiration of all. He comes from the people, and his sympathies are most active in those things that concern their welfare. To uplift the common people and place their necessities on a plane of more equitable adjustment is an ambition in which he recognizes the highest impulse to which human endeavor can give tribute. He is a product of those conditions in life that appeal to public commendation. Poor, with an honorable striving for higher attainment, against disadvantages and discouragements, but with an unconquerable determination, he has risen to a position of respect and esteem greater than which none can boast.

His private life is the constant expression of those many virtues that noble human character, and if the contest is to be fought upon a test of personal fitness, who can point to a touch, or a stain upon that specimen of true manhood, in whose formation, until its present development, there are seen only those typical American traits that right thinking minds applaud.

If the nomination is to be secured by a comparison of merit from the standpoint of party service, whose career presents more of sacrifice, more of substantial aid, more of wise council and splendid leadership than is revealed in his record as a Republican?

If it is to be exclusively a campaign of ideas, of enlightenment, in which error, false doctrine and deception shall be combatted, and truth and righteousness vindicated, who is better prepared to hold, and to hold successfully against all comers, the invincible banner of protection and reciprocity, that matches combination of Republicanism and Americanism, the highest perfection of wisdom and fraternity, resplendent with the benedictions of peace and plenty, and the uplifting influences of a kindly brotherhood? He will be the fearless champion of a doctrine which created and sustains our marvelous prosperity as a nation, against the defenders of a theory so utterly at variance with the genius of our institutions, so destructive of the universal faith and the fixed hope of our people in the prosperity of our commercial life, that its contemplation is fraught with the most alarming apprehensions.

His experience as a legislator, his thorough grasp upon all the leading questions of the day, his popularity with the masses, with whose best interests he has always been in sympathetic relation, his recognized ability as an organizer and leader, all point to him as the well deserved recipient of this honor at the hands of his party.

Mr. Atkinson's nomination would satisfy all the requirements of fitness. It would reanimate and inspire the people with a contagion of zeal and energy that shall overthrow and crush the party that fattens upon corrupt methods and dishonest ends, and that stands opposed, persistently and violently, to a continuance of the present beneficent system of which our incomparable growth as a nation, and our individual well-being, are the legitimate offspring.

## REPUBLICAN.

Jefferson County, May 14, 1892.

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